The Conning Tower

December Twenty-Sixth Tis the day after Christmas, and all through The Tower The brilliance is burning at pretty low power.

On holiday nights a newspaper staff, as a rule, is about as stimulating a sight as a flock of anacondas. For dining maketh a full man; and it is easier to look out the window, even at so prosaic a sight as the business office of the esteemed "World," than to try to think of things that a post-Christmas morning

Speaking of "The World," it observes that "The Tribune is still telling how the foreign affairs of the United States government should be conducted, but it can't make its own clock run." Now, we hadn't intended to say a word about this, but we are goaded. From The Tower windows we are unable to see The Tribune clock; and for our information regarding the time o' night we depend entirely upon the only clock we can see-which is situate in "The World" business office. For two weeks that clock had no hands; and we didn't say a word. But endurance, as Cleopatra used to say, has its limits.

IF HE HAD WRITTEN IN 1 10.

BEING EDAR'S CONCEPTION OF "STONE WALLS DO NOT A PRISON MAKE," BY DICK LOVELACE, AUTHOR OF "1 HATE TO LEAVE YOU, DARLING, BUT I'VE GOT TO GO TO WAR."

Within a prison cell there sat a young man most forlern;

A pitiable sight did he present. His eyes once bright were dull as lead, with care his face was

He looked as though his very heart was rent. Just then a girl approached the bars and said in voice most sweet,

The young man brightened up at once, and jumping to his feet, These words unto the girlie then did tell:

CHORUS.

"Stone walls do not a prison make; as soon as you I see Outside the bars my heart it stops to ache, And I could not be happier if they would set me free.

"It breaks my heart to see you in this cell."

No, walls of stone a prison do not make!" Five years have now elapsed and in a cosy home we see

A happy man embracing his dear wife.

He kisses her a dozen times and says most tenderly, "You've been the inspiration of my life.

"If you had not stuck to me, dear, when everything looked blue, Can you imagine what I'd be to-day?"

"You darling boy," his wife replies, "what girl could be untrue To any one that's man enough to say:

CHORUS.

"Stone walls do not a prison make, as soon as you I see," etc.

LOCAL NEWS

- *** News are pretty scarce this wk.
- For to-morrow: Cloudy with snow flurries,
- *** Ye ed took in "Stop! Look! Listen!" last night. *** Glen Flory spent Christmas with Coult Huyler out
- *** Joe Wise and Grant Rice who were on the ailing list

last week are better at this writing. *** Mark S. Watson of Chicago, San Diego and Mexico

was a pleasant caller Thurs. Come again Mark.

*** 1rv Cobb is spending the holidays with Mrs. C's folks in Savannah, Ga. Mrs. C. was Laura Baker of there.

Miss Alva Thoits Taylor, Bert's little girl, is home in Chicago for her Christmas vacation, she being at Radcliffe College where she took honors in her entrance examinations to.

THE PASSIONATE CONTRIB TO HIS LOVE.

I've tried for quite a lengthy spell To write an ode to Sadie But this is all I had to tell-I love the little lady.

But poets like to sing their loves In many-colored phrases That range from violets and doves To psychologic phases.

I envy them their lyric thoughts That come so thickly shoving. At poetry I bat three naughts-But lead the league at loving.

The Complete Letter Writer.

[Received by the New York State Athletic Commission.]
In regards to the Boxing affairs would like to step in the game, if tould and succed to get the promoter to straitened things out for the work. I am 27 years of age and 5 ft 11 in Height slim built, and the weight around 180 pounds, in A 1 conditions dont smoke and drink, keeping in excellent position, enzious to receive reply on this information before Friday. Truly Yours.

SKATES.

Skates are changed, too, for, like the sled, they are modernized and made efficient. Gone is the old rocker-runner "club skate" with the claw-like business that secured it—theoretically—to one's foot. What a piece of engineering it was, too! Clamps jutting out from unexpected places, simultaneously actuated by a lever that worked under the sole of the luman strength and frozen fingers could move it.

Those were the days, the less like glass, and worked.

uman strength and frozen fingers could move it,
see the days—the ice like glass, and you, unavoidably decool, in an eager frenzy to get on the pond! You would sit
the Mill End and feverishly reize a skate; you would pull
that opened the clamps, place your foot in their midst,
ver back again—and find that the gosh-darned things were
ad by a good quarter of an inch! Meanwhile, your friends
ould be playing Snap the Whip—
if try again—you would tighten up the blekey in the mach

Tou would try again you would tighten up the hickey in the mechtism that made the clamps tighter, said hickey of the coldest steel
being a highly painful thing to daily with in your bare fingers. This
time, perhaps, the clamps would fit, but so tight that the lever must be
hammered home with a rock, or with the other skate. The clamps would
dig into the soles of your shoes and chew great gouges from the heels—
but what then? The brute was ON!

The other skate would levely a similar though a con-

what then? The brute was ON!
The other sknie would havelve a similar though a more heartbreaking case, because now the fingers were colder and the patience less. This you would wedge with twigs or conveniently shaped pebbles, because the clamp mechanism was hopelessly jammed. Gosh, how you was to be compared to the clamp mechanism was hopelessly jammed.

out on the real
trups came next—heel and toe. You adjusted them to a
acovered that a new hole was required before the buckle
After a time you were able to borrow a knife from an
friend—and underwant more forture trying to pick it

nathetic friend and under but more forture trying to pict with your frozen fingers.
Last they were on! Striking out from the bank, you made for the zame at the far end. How funny it seemed to be gliding along is after months of walking—this was the first good freeze since the oke up last March. Gosh, if it would only stay like this all—

then you went back to shore on one foot, a loose skate dang-

the other ankle. And again you worked, tears of rage welling up

Tom or Skinny would flash by you on his new "Donohue's" THERE was a skate! A fourteen-inch butcher knife, with a beautiful piece of belished red wood to fasten your foot to a spikelike thing sticking up from the rear to go into the heel of your shoe. Yes, you had to have your heels bored, but what then. With all the straps properly tightened they stayed on. Sometimes, of course, the wooden part would split stander, but then You guessed you'd ask for a pair for Christmas, 'asse THESE darned things never would hold!

Say what ye will, ye anti-modernists, ye fans of the old-fashioned is your hearts you KNOW that the Supple Slider Sled has it all over the prehistoric belly-whopper—that the Sun Flower Air Gun has the bown-green skinned a mile.

And so, by the immortal shade of Hans Brinker, the skate of to-day is better, the skate of to-day

a better than—well, YOUR kind. And, by heck, you KNOW it.

J. G. G. "Robert Vonnoh," says the Times, "shows a little figure with

Plaintive shoulders indulging in memories." The plaintively reminiscent shoulder has it all over the Medita-F. P. A.

WAR RELIEF SENT 240,000 TINY FEET

Thousands of Belgian Children Will Receive U. S. Gift Shoes.

\$1,500,000 FORWARDED TO SUFFERING JEWS

Cards and Collections Ready for Tag Day Drive-Red Cross in Europe Gets Supplies.

Through Felix M. Warburg, treasurer of the American Jewish Relief Committee, more than \$1,500,000 has been sent to various committees in Europe for the general relief of Jews, according to an announcement made yesterday. In addition the office of the treasurer has acted as a transmitting agency for individuals. This latter service will be discontinued January 1, as the committee will give its full time to the collection and forwarding of relief funds.

At three different headquarters on East Broadway yesterday 2,500 persons were engaged in making tags, cards and collection boxes for use on Wednesday, the official tag day. Mrs. Philip Lewisohn is directing the tag day campaign.

Contributions amounting to \$13,278.29 have been received by the New York State Board of the American Red Cross during the week, including \$10,000 from the Beston branch of the Serbian Relief Committee. The total to date is \$610,186.25.

The American Red Cross shipped 137 cases and bales of war relief supplies to the American Relief Clearing House in Paris on December 18. It included 7,860 pounds of absorbent cotton, 4,000 pounds of cotton batts, 20,000 yards of gauze and large quantitles of other hos. pital supplies, garments and clothing. At the same time seven cases of miscellaneous goods were sent to the Belgian Red Cross in Calais.

German Prisoners Remembered.

Forty-five cases and bales of women's and children's clothing, blankets, bedding, books and tobacco were sent during the week to the American consulgeneral at Cape Town for German prisoners of war in South Africa. Twenty comes containing hospital supplies, clothing, tobacco and cigarettes were shipped Thursday to the British Red

by Henry Clews, 15 Broad Street, treasurer of the Dollar Christmas Fund, for Relief in Belgium. This sum completed the amount needed to purchase 120,000 pairs of winter shoes for destitute Belgian children. These will be distributed this week. It is the hope

tre January 26. Contributions to the fund during the week exceeded \$20,000.

Pocket dime savings banks are being distributed by the Central Committee for the Relief of Jews Suffering Through the War, 63 Park Row. The banks are the size of a matchbox, and bear the appeal: "The Jews Look to America for Aid." The keys for the 1,000,000 banks that are to be issued will be kept by the local treasurers of the committee throughout the country, who will forward the amounts collected to the New York offices.

Miss Gladys Hollingsworth, chairman Bay colonies joined with the Mendow President and Reide Caught in the Christmas in many years.

Miss Destinn th y formed a worthy trio. Amonasco is a role peculiarly suited to Mr. Amato's powers, and Mr. Scott is an excellent Ramfis. Mr. Polacco conducted with fine spirit. It was an admirable performance.

RAIN HALTS XMAS

GOLF OF WILSONS

The hunt was a great success, and members of the Piping Rock, Rock-away Hunting, Great Neck and Oyster

Bay colonies joined with the Mendow President and Reide Caught in

making a total to date of \$201,177.65.
Funds amounting to \$181,036.42 have been received to date by the Serbian Relief Committee, 70 Fifth Avenue, Contributions of \$509 were received Friday.

Melba to Sing for Red Cross.
A performance will be given at the Mercopolitan Opera House on Tuesday, January 25, for the benefit of the British, French and American Red Cross societies, under the auspices of Mrs. Guinness. Mne. Melba will sing the Isleony and tomb scenes of "Romeo and Juliet" for this benefit, Several part of the Bellown and tomb scenes of "Romeo and Juliet" for this benefit, Several gardens, announced yesterday the engagement of the British French and American Red Cross Southern eggong parties filled the Isleony and tomb scenes of "Romeo and Juliet" for this benefit, Several gardens, announced yesterday the engagement of the British French and American Red Cross Southern eggong parties filled the Isleony and tomb scenes of "Romeo and Juliet" for this benefit, Several gardens, announced yesterday the engagement of the British French and American Red Cross Southern eggong parties filled the Isleony and tomb scenes of "Romeo and Juliet" for this benefit, Several gardens, announced yesterday the engagement of the British French and American Red Cross Southern eggong parties filled the Isleony and tomb scenes of "Romeo and Juliet" for this benefit, Several gardens, announced yesterday the engagement of the British French and American Red Cross Southern eggong parties filled the Isleony and tomb scenes of "Romeo and Juliet" for this benefit, Several gardens, announced yesterday the engagement of the Stillan MacDonald MacDonald and Mr. Irwin spent the summer at Hot Sgrings, where they are the keynote of the exposition and the economical purchase and preparation of foods.

Mrs. Alice A Wallian, of Forest Hills and Dr. Walter R. Mrs. Horses C. Marshall, Mrs. Alice N. Horsertam Rediet Mrs. McBride, Dr. And Mrs. Charles, Dr. Ambassador and Mme. Conference in New York.

Mrs. Wedie to Gera, A Wilson, Island Repairs C.

MERRY CHRISTMAS ON GREAT BATTLESHIP.



Crew of New York distributing presents to one hundred boys and girls on the gun deck.

SOCIETY ENJOYS Gifts of more than \$60,000 received OUTDOOR YULETIDE

were turned over to the Commission Golf, Motoring and Hunting Enliven Week-End at Long Island Colonies.

Wheatley Hills, Long Island, Dec. 25. of those in charge of the fund to give away 150,000 pairs, but further contributions will be needed.

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There will be a benefit performance of "Hobson's Choice," for the Dollar Christmas Fund, at the Comedy Thentre January 26. Contributions to the Fund during the week exceeded \$20,000.

Pocket dime sayings hanks are being districts of Massau County and to the Garden City Hotel yesterday has returned to us this year her old self.

Mr. Martinelli was the Rhadames and Miss Destina thy formed a worthy trio.

Motoring conditions were pleasant Amonasro is a role neculiarly suited

OLF OF WILLOWS

When the most characters of the wind present design from the second control of the control of t received to date, including the Flotilla Fund, total \$184,135.50.

August Belmont, treasurer of the Committee of Mercy, 200 Flith Avenue, has received contributions to date of \$425,099.20, including funds raised in cooperation with allied committees. The Armenian Fund, raised by the Armenian Committee in cooperation with the Committee of Mercy, now totals \$166,497.47. Charles R. Crane, Ireasurer, 70 Fifth Avenue, neknowledged contributions of \$5,537.98 received during the week.

Lontributions of \$3,390.76 were received during the week by the National Allied Relief Committee, Lee Higginson & Co., depositaries, 200 Fifth Avenue. The Polish Victims Relief Fund, the Acolian Building, received contributions during the week of \$5,316.54, making a total to date of \$201,177.65. Funds amounting to \$181,036.42 have been received to date by the Serbian Relief Committee, 70 Fifth Avenue, Contributions of \$699 were received Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Cose, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Halcomb, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Halcomb, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Locke, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Locke, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Locke, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Griswold, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Makepeace, Daniel Chauncey, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. House, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McCray, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. House, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Holmen, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Locke, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Locke, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. House, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Locke, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. House, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Locke, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. House, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Locke, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. House, Mr. and Mrs. J. A

Favorable weather conditions brought time hearty. Aida was always one of

CAPITAL GAYLY CELEBRATES DAY

bassies and Homes of Cabinet Members.

BIG TREE GLOWS IN WHITE HOUSE

Miss Wilson Has Company All Day-Ambarsafors Entertain Staffs at Dinner.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Carisimas we celebrated in at least a dozen different ways in Washington to-day, diplomats observing the anniveracy according to the court, which fixed the maintenance charge of each child at 5750 a month for elevan months and \$100 for the court welfth month. On the suggestion of twelfth month. Washington, Dec. 25. Christmas was palace mats observing the anniversary according to the custom of their country or modifying it to fit American environment. Even at most of the embassies from the 2000 a mouth originally fixed. representing the belenguored countries there were some signs of hospitality and a show of the Christmas red and

The White House was a scene of pouring into the White House in the bors of Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt in Gram-last two weeks,

HARRISON ESTATE DOUBLED

Governor General's Wife, Who Left \$3,000,000, Dead Ten Years.

An order of the Supreme Court aproving the accounting of Francis Buron Harrison, Governor General of the lippines, as trustee under the will Brilliant Scenes at Em- of his wife, Mrs. Mary Crocker Harrisen, who was killed in an automobile accident in 1905, reveals that the estate left to Virginia Randolph Harrison and

Barbara Harrison has nearly doubled in ten years.

Mrs. Harrison left her estate, valued at \$3,000,000, to her husband and two daughters, the property of the latter being placed in trust. The accounting submitted to the court by Mr. Harrison

MRS. HEWITT GIVES PLAY

Trials of Avealthy Woman in Society

Quest Staged in Her Home. merriment all day. Miss Wilson un- Mrs. Elward R. Hewitt, who gives a veiled a huge spruce tree early this playlet every Christmas at her home, morning in the library, and as it 127 East Twenty-first Street, yesterday glowed under hundreds of electric afternson presented a farce, written lights all the members of the house- and stated by herself, dealing with the hold were called to other. December of a woman recently made of surprises awaited each member of wealthy, who is worn out pursuing the the family in the boxes, bags, baskets requirement; of society. The cast and and other receptacies which have been audience consisted principally of neigh-

TINSMAN—At the residence of her daughter, Mrs. John J. C. Humbert, Madizon, N. J., on December 25, 1915, Mary J., widow of Horace B. Tins-man. Funeral private. VAN VRANKEN-At Hempstead, N. Y.,

December 23, Hannah Kellum, widow of Dr. G. D. Van Vranken. Funeral service at her late residence, Fulton av., Hempstead, N. Y., on Sunday, De-cember 26, at 4:30 p. m. Interment private. Kindly omit flowers.

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